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SUBJECT: 29TH UNGA--THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON HUMAN
RIGHTS IN CHILE

REF: (A) USUN 4168 (B) USUN 4177 (C) USUN 4198

1. USDEL INSTRUCTED TO ABSTAIN IN VOTE ON COMPROMISE
RESOLUTION TRANSMITTED REF (A).

2. USDEL SHOULD EXPLAIN VOTE MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) THE RESOLUTION IN ITS PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS REHEARSES
ACTIONS TAKEN EARLIER THIS YEAR BY OTHER UN ORGANS. ITS
WHOLE TONE SUGGESTS THAT THE SITUATION IN CHILE IS UNCHANG-
ED SINCE FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR WHEN THE HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION ADOPTED A TELEGRAM WHICH IT SENT TO THE GOVERN-
MENT OF CHILE. THE RESOLUTION IGNORES THE FACT THAT THERE
HAS BEEN IMPROVEMENT IN CHILE. WE THINK THAT THIS FACT
SHOULD HAVE BEEN REFLECTED IN A GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION.

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(B) IN OUR VIEW THE MOST IMPORTANT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF THE RESOLUTION IS OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 WHICH ENDORSES THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUBCOMMISSION ON DISCRIMINATION AND MINORITIES THAT A STUDY OF REPORTED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE BE CARRIED OUT BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. WE COULD HAVE SUPPORTED THIS STUDY. HOWEVER, OTHER OPERATIVE AND PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS OF THE RESOLUTION PREJUDGE THIS STUDY BY CALLING FOR AN END TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN AUTHORITATIVELY DEMONSTRATED TO EXIST AT THE PRESENT TIME IN CHILE.

(C) THE US HAS BEEN PREPARED TO SUPPORT ACTION BY THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH HAS AS ITS PURPOSE THE IMPROVEMENT OF SERIOUS SITUATIONS INVOLVING REPORTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS INFRINGEMENTS SUCH AS THE SITUATION IN CHILE. THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION, HOWEVER, BY ITS IMBALANCE COMPLETELY IGNORES THE EXPLANATIONS OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IN CHILE MADE TO THE COMMITTEE AT LENGTH BY THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT'S REPRESENTATIVE. THE RESOLUTION SEEMS MORE DESIGNED TO CONDEMN THAT GOVERNMENT THAN TO BRING THE CONSTRUCTIVE OPINIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO BEAR SO AS TO INFLUENCE THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT TO COOPERATE IN BRINGING ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS.

3. INSTANCES OF IMPROVEMENTS IN CHILEAN PRACTICES
REQUESTED REF (C) BEING SENT SEPTEL. KISSINGER

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